

DEFENDANT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO A CRIMINAL ACTION - IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT

BY: COMPLAINT INFORMATION INDICTMENT
 SUPERSEDING

OFFENSE CHARGED

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Petty
 Minor
 Misdemeanor
 Felony

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ATF

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MAGISTRATE CASE NO.

Name and Office of Person Furnishing Information on this form DAVID L. ANDERSON

U.S. Attorney Other U.S. Agency

Name of Assistant U.S. Attorney (if assigned) SAMANTHA BENNETT

PROCESS:

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND DIVISION

DEFENDANT - U.S.

LUIS CRUZ, aka "Chita"

DISTRICT COURT NUMBER

4:20-mj-71278-MAG

DEFENDANT

IS NOT IN CUSTODY

Has not been arrested, pending outcome this proceeding.

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2) Is a Fugitive

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IS IN CUSTODY

4) On this charge

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6) Awaiting trial on other charges

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Martinez Detention Facility

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DEFENDANT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO A CRIMINAL ACTION - IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT

BY: COMPLAINT INFORMATION INDICTMENT
 OFFENSE CHARGED SUPERSEDING

Count Two: 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) & 841(b)(1)(C) -
 Distribution of Methamphetamine

Petty
 Minor
 Misdemeanor
 Felony

PENALTY: Maximum penalties: 20 years' prison; 3 years to life of supervised release; \$1 million fine; \$100 special assessment; forfeiture; denial of federal benefits

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person is awaiting trial in another Federal or State Court,
 give name of court

this person/proceeding is transferred from another district
 per (circle one) FRCrp 20, 21, or 40. Show District

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this prosecution relates to a
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Defendant Address:

Bail Amount: NO BAIL

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND DIVISION

DEFENDANT - U.S.

► ALEXIS PEREZ, aka "Alexis Perez-Morales"

DISTRICT COURT NUMBER

4:20-mj-71278-MAG

DEFENDANT

IS NOT IN CUSTODY

Has not been arrested, pending outcome this proceeding.

1) If not detained give date any prior
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2) Is a Fugitive

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DEFENDANT - U.S.

► BRIAN ALVARENGA, aka "Goofy"

DISTRICT COURT NUMBER

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Luis Cruz, Luis Ramirez-Carranza, Phabel Gutierrez, Angel) Case No. **4:20-mj-71278-MAG**
Magaña, Ernesto Missiego, Christian Cervantes, Francisco)
Cano, Armando Navarro-Pinones, Sheena Middleton, Luis)
Cabrera, Alexis Perez, and Brian Alvarenga)

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of April 22, 2019 - May 29, 2020 in the county of Contra Costa in the
Northern District of California, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

Count One: 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(viii), &
841(b)(1)(C)

Count One: Conspiracy to Distribute and to Possess
with the Intent to Distribute Heroin, Cocaine, and 50
Grams or More of a Mixture or Substance Containing
Methamphetamine

Count Two: 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) & 841(b)(1)(C) -
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Count Two: Distribution of Methamphetamine

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

Attached Affidavit of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives Special Agent Richard P. Timbang

Continued on the attached sheet.

Approved As To Form:

/s/ Samantha Schott Bennett

AUSAs SAMANTHA SCHOTT
BENNETT and JONATHAN U. LEE

/s/ Richard P. Timbang

Complainant's signature

Richard P. Timbang, Special Agent, ATF

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me by telephone.

Date: September 8, 2020



Judge's signature

City and state: Oakland, California

Hon. Donna M. Ryu, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Richard P. Timbang, a Special Agent with the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
Firearms and Explosives, being duly sworn, state:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. I am a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (“ATF”) and have been so employed since June 2004. I am presently assigned to the ATF Oakland Field Office in Oakland, California. As a Special Agent with ATF, my responsibilities include conducting criminal investigations concerning alleged violations of Federal laws that encompass alcohol/tobacco diversion, arson, firearms, and explosive investigations as well as alleged violations of Federal narcotic laws. I am a graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's Criminal Investigator Training Program, and the ATF National Academy's Special Agent Basic Training, a combined twenty-three week regimen covering subject matters including, among other things, firearm identification, trafficking, and interdiction; confidential source recruitment/management and undercover techniques; and asset identification, seizure, and forfeiture. Since graduating from the Academy, I have attended seminars and courses during which I received further training in the laws and investigative techniques relating to pen registers/trap and trace; phone toll analysis; the forensic extraction and analysis of digital evidence; Title III; electronic and physical surveillance; advance firearms trafficking; interstate nexus determination of firearms and ammunition; cyber and fraud crimes; financial investigations; asset forfeiture; and narcotics investigations

2. As an ATF Special Agent, I have been involved in the execution of numerous state and federal firearm-and narcotics-related search and arrest warrants. I have conducted multiple investigations of illicit drug and firearms trafficking, as well as the illegal possession of firearms. As an investigator, I have observed targets sell, purchase, transport, transfer, and otherwise distribute narcotics and firearms. These investigations have resulted in the arrests of multiple individuals and the seizure of various types of evidence, including, but not limited to, controlled substances, electronic devices containing communications between co-conspirators, packaging materials used to conceal controlled

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1 substances, firearms, firearm accessories, ammunition, and pay-owe ledgers. I have participated in
 2 debriefs and proffers of defendants and confidential informants regarding their involvement in drug and
 3 gun trafficking activities, including methods of communicating with co-conspirators and efforts to
 4 conceal their illegal conduct from law enforcement.

5 3. I am an investigative or law enforcement officer of the United States, within the meaning
 6 of Title 18 United States Code, Section 2510(7), and am empowered by law to conduct investigations of
 7 and to make arrests for offenses enumerated in 18 U.S.C. § 2516.

8 4. I respectfully submit this Affidavit in support of a Criminal Complaint charging the
 9 following individuals (referred to herein collectively as, the “defendants”) with Conspiracy to Distribute
 10 and to Possess with the Intent to Distribute Heroin, Cocaine, and 50 Grams or More of a Mixture or
 11 Substance Containing Methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1),
 12 841(b)(1)(B)(viii), and 841(b)(1)(C):

1	Luis CRUZ, aka “Chita”
2	Luis RAMIREZ-CARRANZA, aka “Chino”
3	Phabel GUTIERREZ, aka “Faja”
4	Angel MAGAÑA, aka “Villain”
5	Ernesto MISSIEGO, aka “Lil Neto”
6	Christian CERVANTES, aka “Bam Bam”
7	Francisco CANO, aka “Vaca”
8	Armando NAVARRO, aka “Viejon”
9	Sheena MIDDLETON, aka “China”
10	Luis CABRERA, aka “Guero”

23 5. I further submit this Affidavit in support of a Criminal Complaint charging Alexis
 24 PEREZ, aka “Alexis Perez-Morales,” and Brian ALVARENGA, aka “Goofy,” with Distribution of
 25 Methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

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1 6. Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing a criminal
 2 complaint and arrest warrants for the 12 individuals named herein, I have not included every fact known
 3 to me concerning this investigation. I have set forth only those facts that I believe are necessary to
 4 establish probable cause to believe that (1) beginning on a date unknown, but no later than April 22,
 5 2019, and continuing through at least May 29, 2020, in the Northern District of California, CRUZ,
 6 RAMIREZ-CARRANZA, GUTIERREZ, MAGAÑA, MISSIEGO, CERVANTES, CANO,
 7 NAVARRO, MIDDLETON, and CABRERA agreed with each other and with others to distribute and
 8 possess with the intent to distribute controlled substances, namely, heroin, cocaine, and 50 grams or
 9 more of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846,
 10 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(viii), and 841(b)(1)(C); (2) that on or about May 6, 2020, in the Northern
 11 District of California, PEREZ sold a quantity of methamphetamine to another individual, in violation of
 12 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C), and (3) that on or about May 29, 2020, in the Northern District
 13 of California, ALVARENGA sold a quantity of methamphetamine to another individual, in violation of
 14 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

15 7. Where statements made by other individuals are referenced in this Affidavit, such
 16 statements are described in sum and substance and in relevant parts only. Similarly, where information
 17 contained in reports and other documents or records are referenced in this Affidavit, such information is
 18 also described in sum and substance and in relevant part only. The information provided in this
 19 Affidavit is based on sources that I believe to be reliable,¹ including but not limited to, my review of
 20 surreptitious recordings of the targets of the investigation, law enforcement reports, and database
 21 records. The investigation described herein was accomplished by the ATF, the Concord Police
 22 Department (CPD), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Federal Bureau of
 23 Investigation Safe Streets Task Force (FBI SSTF). This Affidavit also includes information obtained
 24 through conversations with other law enforcement officers, including gang experts previously qualified

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 26 1 The reliability of any confidential sources is addressed separately herein.
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1 to testify as such in state courts, who are familiar with the Sureño street gang and its operation in the
 2 Contra Costa County area. My understanding of the significance of certain facts and circumstances may
 3 evolve or change as new information is discovered in the course of the investigation.

4 **II. APPLICABLE LAW**

5 8. Under 21 U.S.C. § 841, it is unlawful to distribute or possess with intent to distribute a
 6 controlled substance.

7 9. Under 21 U.S.C. § 846, it is unlawful to conspire to distribute or possess with intent to
 8 distribute a controlled substance.

9 **III. PROBABLE CAUSE**

10 **A. Background on the Sureños Street Gang as Implicated in this Investigation**

11 10. The ATF, DEA, CPD, and the FBI SSTF have been investigating the operation of the
 12 Sureño criminal street gang and its subsets in Contra Costa County. ATF became involved in this
 13 particular investigation around April 2019. Prior to this, CPD has been actively investigating the Sureño
 14 street gang since approximately January of 2018. CPD initially investigated the gang due to an increase
 15 in gang activity, including homicides, robberies, assaults, and shootings occurring throughout Contra
 16 Costa County. This investigation revealed that the Sureño criminal street gang has been responsible for
 17 many violent acts in Contra Costa County. These crimes of violence are not only committed against
 18 rival Norteño gang members, but also innocent members of the community.

19 11. The information included in Sections III.A and III.B is based in large part on information
 20 gathered from gang task force investigators and detectives familiar with the operation of the “South Side
 21 Locos” (SSL) Sureño subset in Concord, as well as how this gang subset fits into the larger Sureño
 22 network. In particular, I have conferred with CPD Detective Josh Gilfry, who has been an officer for
 23 eight years and has twice testified in Contra Costa Superior Court as an expert in the Sureño criminal
 24 street gang and the SSL subset. Detective Gilfry is currently assigned to the FBI Safe Streets Violent
 25 Gang Task Force, and previously worked for one year as a detective in CPD’s Violence Suppression
 26 Unit, where his primary role was to investigate narcotic and gang crimes in Contra Costa County. Prior
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1 to joining CPD, Detective Gilfry worked as a Deputy with the Contra Costa County Office of the
 2 Sheriff, where he worked at the Martinez Detention Facility and was assigned as the primary housing
 3 unit deputy on Norteño and Sureño segregated housing units.

4 12. The Sureño criminal gang has a direct relationship to the Mexican Mafia criminal
 5 organization. Their loyalty to the Mexican Mafia is often expressed by identifying their respective
 6 gangs and adding “13” (for M—the 13th letter of the alphabet) or “X3” after their gang name. Other
 7 symbols associated to the gang are “XIII” “SUR” “Sur Trece.” Sureño gang members identify
 8 themselves with common colors and symbols. They associate with the color blue and will typically
 9 wear blue clothing or carry blue bandanas in their possession.

10 13. The Sureño criminal street gang and its subsets are typically involved in various illegal
 11 activities, including homicide, firearm assaults, assault with deadly weapons, illegal firearm possession,
 12 sales of firearms, methamphetamine sales, cocaine sales, heroin sales, marijuana sales, fentanyl sales,
 13 robbery, carjacking, and stolen vehicles. Crimes of violence, such as homicide, robbery, carjacking, and
 14 assault with a firearm or deadly weapon, are the Sureño gang’s means of maintaining its reputation for
 15 violence against its rivals and within Contra Costa County communities. The possession of firearms is
 16 often a necessary tool for the Sureño criminal street gang, for both offensive and defensive use against
 17 rival gangs. Based on investigations in which I have been involved, as well as reports of other officers’
 18 investigations, it is a standard practice for members and associates of the Sureño gang to use firearms
 19 not registered to them, in order to avoid their being linked to the firearms later. Crimes which generate
 20 illicit revenue, such as narcotic sales and firearms sales are also essential to the gang’s existence. These
 21 crimes provide funding for the gang’s activities. In addition, the income and power derived from such
 22 illicit activities are a source of prestige within the gang. On social media sites, it is common for Sureño
 23 gang members to boast about money and power associated with such activities.

24 **B. Sureño Subsets Based in Contra Costa County and the Extended Bay Areas**

25 14. Some of the recognized Sureño subsets found in Concord, CA, are “South Side Locos”
 26 (SSL); “Aztec Kings”; “Murder Mob /Murder Meadows”; “Brown Crowd Locos” (BCL); “Brown Pride

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Locos" (BPL); and "Beach Flats Sureños (BFS)." Some of these subsets are described further herein, as are other subsets found within other areas of Northern California. These subsets discussed below are highlighted because the investigation has revealed interactions between SSL and other Sureño subsets, and it provides context for social media posts and other investigative details.

- a. The South Side Locos (SSL) subset has maintained a stronghold in the Southern District of Concord for over 25 years. This particular area within the City of Concord, also referred to as “The Boulevard” or “The Bully,” consists primarily of the Monument Blvd. corridor and its associated cross streets which includes, but is not limited to, the housing and business complexes on Mi Casa Ct., Virginia Ln., Meadow Ln., Detroit Ave., Victory Ln., Reganti Pl., and Oakmead Dr. The Monument Blvd. corridor has also been utilized by the Sureño criminal street gang as a main thoroughfare for narcotics and firearms trafficking.
- b. Sureño subsets in Concord utilize the business complex at 1500 Monument Blvd. in Concord, CA (herein, “1500 Monument”) to “post up” (i.e. hang out at a location) and sell narcotics and firearms.² Sureño gang members often refer to 1500 Monument as “The Box” or “The block.” While numerous Sureño subsets operate out of 1500 Monument, it is primarily controlled by the South Side Locos subset. Other Sureño subsets must get permission to sell drugs in this area. Sureño gang members work cohesively in this area to further the enterprise of the Sureño gang as a whole. It is common for each member operating at a particular time to have a distinct role. One member may be in charge of hiding contraband in stash locations throughout the complex, one member may be responsible for negotiating price, and another may act as a lookout during the transaction. During the federal and state investigation, most of the

² Based on my involvement in this investigation and my review of surveillance footage of 1500 Monument, I know that many of the defendants have frequented this address over an extended period of time.

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1 defendants have been observed at 1500 Monument, including during drug and firearms
2 transactions described herein.

3 c. There are at least two active Sureño gangs in the Vallejo area. They are Brown
4 Brotherhood (BBH) and Brown Crowd Locos (BCL). BBH and BCL members are
5 known to associate with MCR (Mexican Crazy Raza) members, which is a “Brown
6 Pride” gang. Some MCR members have been known to leave their gang upon being
7 recruited into BCL or BBH. Many BCL and BBH members also claim WSV (Westside
8 Vallejo) while Norteños claim ESV (East Side Vallejo) to further represent their
9 neighborhood. Some of these gangs also have subsets that are smaller groups of
10 members that work closely together or come from a more specific geographic location.

11 d. The Los Monkey’s Trece (LMT) subset of the Sureño criminal street gang was founded
12 sometime in the early 1990’s in the Village Drive community in Brentwood, California.
13 As the city’s Hispanic population increased, Mexican nationals settled in and around the
14 Village Dr. area, most of whom considered themselves Northerners.

15 e. The Little Town Sureños (LTS) subset of the Sureño criminal street gang is based
16 primarily out of Bay Point, CA and claim Shore Acres as their gang territory. Members
17 from the Little Town Sureños have also moved to other East County cities to include
18 Antioch Concord, and Pittsburg.

19 f. The Beach Flats Sureños (BFS) subset is based in a neighborhood recognized by its
20 geographical nexus to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk property.

21 **C. Investigative Tools**

22 15. Over the past two years, the investigative agencies have used various investigative
23 techniques in an effort to disrupt and dismantle the Sureño criminal street gang’s activities in Contra
24 Costa County and elsewhere, including: (1) a state surveillance operation run at the direction of CPD,
25 which involved an investigation into the Sureño gang members trafficking drugs at the area of 1500
26 Monument, (2) a state interception of wire and electronic communication run at the direction of CPD

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1 and the FBI SSTF, pursuant to a State investigation into the aforementioned homicides committed by
 2 Sureño gang members;³ and (3) a federal undercover operation, run at the direction of ATF, DEA, CPD,
 3 and FBI SSTF, which included surveillance of undercover purchases of firearms and narcotics, as well
 4 as recorded phone calls and undercover meetings with Sureño gang members. Many of these operations
 5 occurred at 1500 Monument, along the Monument Boulevard Corridor, and at other locations in eastern
 6 Contra Costa County.

7 16. During controlled undercover operations, the investigative agencies have used multiple
 8 ATF and/or Concord Confidential Informants (ATF CIs 1 through 6, Concord CI and a DEA CI) to
 9 purchase firearms and narcotics from many of the Sureño gang members.ⁱ

10 17. During most of the undercover operations described herein, audio/video or audio
 11 recording devices were used. The majority of phone contacts between CIs and/or UCs and the
 12 defendants made in connection with the firearm and drug transactions described herein were recorded.
 13 There are some instances in which events or contacts (phone/social media) were not recorded due to
 14 unavailability of a recording device and/or technical issues. Where recordings were available, I have
 15 reviewed them, and/or reviewed reports summarizing the recordings. In instances where slang is used, I
 16 have included my understanding of the slang in parentheses based on my training, experience, and
 17 involvement in this investigation. The CIs were also debriefed following each interaction, and reports
 18 were created summarizing their descriptions of the events. I have reviewed these reports, as well.
 19 Surveillance was also conducted throughout the investigation in-person, as well as through pole cameras
 20 at public locations along the Monument Boulevard corridor, including over the parking lots of 1500
 21 Monument.

22 18. The defendants have been identified as Sureño gang members or associates of the gang
 23 through a variety of means. As examples, the defendants have been observed throughout this
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25 ³ This Affidavit does not rely upon information gathered from the state wiretap to establish
 26 probable cause, but includes its existence to provide the Court with context for the scope of the law
 27 enforcement investigative efforts.

1 investigation congregating on a frequent and regular basis together at 1500 Monument or elsewhere
 2 along the Monument Boulevard corridor in Concord, CA. The defendants have posted pictures and
 3 videos on social media where they are depicted together and with other known gang members, wearing
 4 blue clothing, showcasing gang tattoos, and using known Sureño or South Side Locos hand signs. The
 5 defendants have posted and/or appeared in music videos touting the Sureño gang and describing the
 6 gang's activities. Several of the defendants have explicitly identified themselves, either on social media
 7 or to the CIs, as members of the Sureños, South Side Locos, or other Sureño subsets. During
 8 interactions with CIs, some of the defendants have used the slang to refer to their gang affiliation,
 9 including describing each other as "homies." The investigation has also revealed evidence that the
 10 defendants work together to sell drugs and firearms from their hub at 1500 Monument and elsewhere.

11 **D. Table Summarizing Transactions Conducted With the Defendants Via the**
Undercover Operation

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 13 19. The following table summarizes the undercover transactions conducted as part of the
 14 federal investigation, including listing the defendant(s) involved in supplying, delivering, receiving
 15 payment and/or otherwise participating in the listed narcotics and firearms transactions. After the table,
 16 I provide a description of each transaction, to include quantities of drugs and types of firearms involved.

Date of Transaction	Defendant	Purchase ⁴
4/22/2019	RAMIREZ-CARRANZA	Handgun
4/22/2019	CRUZ	55.1 grams methamphetamine
4/30/2019	RAMIREZ-CARRANZA	Handgun
5/8/2019	CRUZ	111.4 grams methamphetamine
5/9/2019	RAMIREZ-CARRANZA, CRUZ, and Individual-1	Handgun and 27.4 grams methamphetamine
5/29/2019	CRUZ	223.3 grams methamphetamine
7/3/2019	CERVANTES, GUTIERREZ and CRUZ	56 grams methamphetamine
7/16/2019	CRUZ	445.7 grams methamphetamine

26 ⁴ All drug weights described herein are net weights. The drugs were tested by the DEA Western
 27 Regional Laboratory and confirmed as the listed substances.

1	7/17/2019	RAMIREZ-CARRANZA	Two Firearms
2	7/23/2019	RAMIREZ-CARRANZA and Individual-2	Handgun, Glock auto switch, AR style short barrel rifle
3	8/21/2019	RAMIREZ-CARRANZA	AK style pistol
4	9/6/2019	CRUZ	892.2 grams methamphetamine and firearm
5	10/15/2019	CERVANTES, CANO, and NAVARRO	112.5 grams methamphetamine
6	10/18/2019	CERVANTES, CANO, and GUTIERREZ	25.7 grams heroin
7	10/30/2019	CERVANTES, CANO, and GUTERREZ	84.7 grams methamphetamine
8	10/30/2019	CERVANTES, GUTIERREZ, and CRUZ	446 grams methamphetamine
9	12/4/2019	GUTIERREZ	Handgun
10	1/3/2020	NAVARRO	55.8 grams methamphetamine
11	2/12/2020	MISSIEGO and NAVARRO	handgun, 20.937 grams, and sample meth
12	2/12/2020	MISSIEGO and MAGAÑA	handgun
13	2/27/2020	CABRERA and MISSIEGO	attempted drug transaction
14	3/11/2020	CERVANTES, MAGAÑA, and RAMIREZ-CARRANZA	7.26 grams methamphetamine
15	3/20/2020	MAGAÑA and MIDDLETON	54.378 grams methamphetamine
16	3/27/2020	MIDDLETON	83.092 grams methamphetamine
17	5/6/2020	PEREZ	0.431 grams methamphetamine
18	5/8/2020	CABRERA	attempted drug transaction
19	5/14/2020	CANO	2.888 grams methamphetamine
20	5/15/2020	MAGAÑA	meet & payment of \$100
21	5/15/2020	CABRERA	111.4 grams methamphetamine
22	5/15/2020	CANO	117.817 grams methamphetamine
23	5/28/2020	RAMIREZ-CARRANZA	0.549 grams cocaine
24	5/29/2020	RAMIREZ-CARRANZ & GUTIERREZ	13.672 grams methamphetamine
25	5/29/2020	ALVARENGA	0.598 grams methamphetamine
26	5/29/2020	RAMIREZ-CARRANZA	0.881 grams cocaine

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1 **E. Operation of the Conspiracy**

2 20. During the course of this investigation, the defendants typically contacted the CIs via
 3 Snapchat or via phone in order to coordinate the purchase of firearms and controlled substances. The
 4 defendants also loitered in the parking lot at 1500 Monument Boulevard, or in the parking lot of a Motel
 5 6 in Pittsburg, CA, to sell drugs. CIs approached the defendants, who then offered to sell controlled
 6 substances, including methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine.

7 21. The defendants sold drugs in a variety of ways. On some occasions, one of the
 8 defendants carried or otherwise possessed of quantities of controlled substances to sell directly to the
 9 CIs. On other occasions, one of the defendants would hold the controlled substances, while another
 10 defendant would negotiate prices, and sometimes a third defendant would do the actual exchange. On
 11 many occasions, when the CIs coordinated the purchase of drugs or guns in advance, the defendants
 12 indicated that they needed to acquire the drugs from their suppliers – who were often other members of
 13 this conspiracy – and would do so either before or during their meetings with the CIs.

14 22. I know, based on my training and experience and from conferring with a DEA agent, that
 15 the amount of a typical methamphetamine “dose” can vary based on the user’s tolerance and frequency
 16 of use, as well as the purity of the substance. However, a reasonable range for a dosage unit of
 17 methamphetamine would be between .1 and one gram. During the course of this investigation, the
 18 defendants sold various quantities of methamphetamine, ranging from approximately half a gram for
 19 \$20, to approximately two pounds for \$5,600. Assuming a conservative .5 gram dose, the largest
 20 discrete sale in this case – 892.2 grams by CRUZ on September 6, 2019 – comprised over 1,784
 21 individual doses of methamphetamine. The defendants also sold heroin and cocaine, and they sold
 22 firearms, including machineguns, to the same customers to whom they sold controlled substances.

23 **F. Drug and Gun Transactions Involving the Defendants**

24 23. Beginning on a date unknown, but no later than April 22, 2019, and continuing through at
 25 least May 29, 2020, in the Northern District of California, CRUZ, RAMIREZ-CARRANZA,
 26 GUTIERREZ, MAGAÑA, MISSIEGO, CERVANTES, CANO, NAVARRO, MIDDLETON, and
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1 CABRERA agreed with each other and with others to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute
 2 controlled substances, namely, methamphetamine, heroin and cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846,
 3 841(b)(1)(B)(viii), and 841(b)(1)(C).

4 24. As described further herein, PEREZ and ALVARENGA also distributed quantities of
 5 methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

6 1. April 22, 2019: Purchase of 55.1 Grams Methamphetamine from CRUZ

7 25. On or about **April 22, 2019**, CI-1 coordinated the purchase of methamphetamine from
 8 CRUZ via Snapchat. I know that CRUZ is a documented SSL gang member with the CPD. On or about
 9 January 20, 2015, CPD contacted CRUZ, MAGAÑA and another person. During the encounter, CRUZ
 10 admitted that he was an active member of the Sureño criminal street gang. CRUZ, MAGAÑA, and the
 11 third person were wearing blue clothing, including blue shoes, hats, and jewelry. CRUZ has also been
 12 depicted in several photos with other Sureño gang members in pictures posted to Instagram, including
 13 the following photo posted to MAGAÑA's Instagram account.⁵ In the image below, CRUZ is the
 14 second individual from the left. MAGAÑA is the third individual depicted from the left and is wearing
 15 a long necklace-like item around his neck. The image is accompanied by the various hashtags, which I
 16 know are commonly used to associate a post with a specific topic. Here, the image is accompanied by a
 17 variety of hashtags, including #concord #ganggang #beachflats. As mentioned above, Beach Flats is a
 18 related extension of the gang based in Santa Cruz, and Concord is home to the South Side Locos (SSL).
 19 The four are standing at the grave of an individual who I believe to be Ramiro MAGAÑA, who was the
 20 founder of the SSL subset of the Sureños.

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25 ⁵ The faces of individuals not charged in this complaint have been obscured in photographs
 26 included in this Affidavit.

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13 26. On or about April 22, 2019, CRUZ sold **55.1 grams (net weight) methamphetamine** to
 14 CI-1 and CI-2 for \$500 in a parking lot at 3701 Treat Blvd, Concord, CA. During the transaction,
 15 CRUZ informed CI-1 and CI-2 that his “boy” wanted “5” (i.e., \$500) for the methamphetamine instead
 16 of the initial price of \$450. CRUZ also informed the CIs that if they ordered “4” (i.e., four ounces of
 17 methamphetamine) the price would be cheaper.

18 2. **May 8, 2019: Purchase of 111.4 Grams Methamphetamine from CRUZ**

19 27. On or about **May 8, 2019**, CRUZ sold **111.4 grams (net weight) methamphetamine** to
 20 CI-1 and CI-2 for \$900 at a parking lot at 3701 Treat Blvd, Concord, CA. During this transaction, ATF
 21 CI 2 asked CRUZ if the methamphetamine was always going to be this good. CRUZ explained to ATF
 22 CI 2 that his methamphetamine would always be this good, if not better.

23 3. **May 9, 2019: Purchase of 27.4 Grams Methamphetamine and Firearm**
 24 **from RAMIREZ-CARRANZA, CRUZ, and Individual-1**

25 28. Prior to approximately May 9, 2019, CI-1 coordinated the purchase of a firearm and
 26 methamphetamine from RAMIREZ-CARRANZA via Snapchat. I know that RAMIREZ-CARRANZA

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1 is a SSL member, and is frequently present with other SSL and other Sureño gang members at 1500
 2 Monument. RAMIREZ-CARRANZA has also been depicted in several photos posted by other Sureño
 3 gang members to social media. The posts include the following photo posted to MAGAÑA's account,
 4 which is tagged with the location of "Concord – Monument Blvd," captioned, "Whole lotta gang shit,"
 5 and includes the hashtag "#monumentblvd." The individuals depicted in the photograph from left to
 6 right: (1) unknown adult male (displaying an SSL gang hand sign), (2) unknown adult male in button up
 7 shirt, (3) an identified individual, referred to herein as "Individual-2" (displaying an SSL gang hand
 8 sign), (4) Luis CABRERA (displaying the LMT gang hand sign), (5) unknown Hispanic male (he is
 9 making either a number 3 or M hand sign—which would signify a 3 for MS-13 or M or Mafia), (6)
 10 known LTS gang member who appears to be making the number 3 with his left hand and holding a blue
 11 bandana), (7) MAGAÑA (who is appearing to make a "b" hand sign which would signify beach flats
 12 Sureño), (8) another known South Side Locos gang member), and (9) RAMIREZ-CARRANZA (who is
 13 making a letter 3 with his hand). The image depicts RAMIREZ-CARRANZA making a "3" with his
 14 hand, as well as Indivdual-2 (displaying an SSL hand sign), CABRERA (displaying the LMT hand
 15 sign), and MAGAÑA:



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1 29. During previous undercover operations, RAMIREZ-CARRANZA has also sold firearms
 2 to ATF CIs:

- 3 a. On or about April 22, 2019, RAMIREZ-CARRANZA sold a Glock handgun to CI-1 in
 4 exchange for \$1,000. The transaction was coordinated on Snapchat and took place
 5 outside of RAMIREZ-CARRANZA's home in Concord, CA.
- 6 b. On or about April 30, 2019, RAMIREZ-CARRANZA sold an SD40 Smith and Wesson
 7 handgun to CI-1 and CI-2 in exchange for \$1,000. The transaction was coordinated on
 8 Snapchat and took place outside of RAMIREZ-CARRANZA's home in Concord, CA.

9 30. On or about **May 9, 2019**, CI-1 and CI-2 met with RAMIREZ-CARRANZA outside his
 10 residence in Concord, CA. When the CIs arrived, they observed RAMIREZ-CARRANZA exit a blue
 11 Ram truck, registered to an identified individual, referred to herein as "Individual-1." Individual-1 is a
 12 suspected co-conspirator of the defendants listed in this Affidavit. Individual-1 was sitting in the driver
 13 seat and Luis CRUZ was sitting in the rear passenger seat of the truck. RAMIREZ-CARRANZA then
 14 grabbed a firearm from a Honda sedan parked in his driveway before getting into the CI's vehicle.
 15 RAMIREZ-CARRANZA then sold a **P80 handgun and 27.4 grams (net weight) methamphetamine**
 16 to CI-2 for \$1,000 and \$300, respectively.

- 17 a. CI-1 stood outside the vehicle during the transaction. While RAMIREZ-CARRANZA
 18 was inside the CIs' vehicle, CRUZ exited Individual-1's truck and approached CI-1 and
 19 advised that he had oxycodone pills for sale. CRUZ then got back into Individual-1's
 20 truck.
- 21 b. CI-1 and CI-2 discussed purchasing additional firearms with RAMIREZ-CARRANZA,
 22 including fully automatic assault rifles, and additional methamphetamine. RAMIREZ-
 23 CARRANZA indicated that his source was in the blue truck, where Individual-1 and
 24 CRUZ were sitting. RAMIREZ-CARRANZA then left the CIs' vehicle and reentered
 25 Individual-1's truck.

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c. Following the transaction, CRUZ contacted CI-1 on Snapchat and advised that RAMIREZ-CARRANZA had gotten the methamphetamine from him (i.e. CRUZ). More specifically, CRUZ asked CI-1, "Is good g why u aint let me know ur boy wanted another zip? Did he not like mine?" CI-1 responded to CRUZ that his/her "boy" just wanted to test out other suppliers. CRUZ responded, "I feel it hah he copped from me anyway cbino hit me for the zip lol." Based on my training and experience, I believe CRUZ was telling CI-1 that CRUZ supplied RAMIREZ-CARRANZA with the methamphetamine sold to CI-1 (i.e., he "hit me for zip").

4. May 29, 2019: Purchase of 223.3 Grams Methamphetamine from CRUZ

10 31. In late May 2019, CRUZ communicated repeatedly with CI-2 by telephone and CRUZ
11 touted the quality of his methamphetamine for sale. Ultimately, CRUZ arranged for the sale of a half-
12 pound of methamphetamine to CI-2. On or about **May 29, 2019**, CRUZ sold **223.3 grams (net weight)**
13 **methamphetamine** to CI-2 for \$1,900 at a parking lot at 3701 Treat Blvd, Concord, CA. During their
14 conversations, CRUZ informed CI-2 that his “boy” had increased the price and wanted “2” (i.e., \$2,000)
15 for a half-pound of methamphetamine, but he was able to get it for \$1,900. Further, CI-2 asked about
16 buying a whole “p” (i.e., one pound of methamphetamine). CRUZ explained he could probably get his
17 “dude” (i.e., his drug source) to take another \$50 off each half-pound, but he did not want to make any
18 promises until he talked to his source. Based on my training and experience, I know that drug dealers
19 often work with the same drug suppliers and must coordinate to ensure the timing of their resupply
20 coincides with a larger transaction.

5. July 3, 2019: Purchase of 56 Grams Methamphetamine from GUTIERREZ, CERVANTES, and CRUZ

32. Prior to July 3, 2019, CI-1 coordinated the purchase of methamphetamine from
33 GUTIERREZ via Snapchat. I know that GUTIERREZ is a documented SSL gang member.
34 GUTIERREZ has a spade with the number 13 in the middle tattooed on his left arm, "Blvd" tattooed on
35 his neck, and "SS" tattooed on his chest.

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1 33. On **July 3, 2019**, CI-1 met with GUTIERREZ and CERVANTES in the parking lot of
 2 GUTIERREZ's apartment complex in Concord, CA. CI-1 confirmed the price with GUTIERREZ, who
 3 then said something to CERVANTES. CERVANTES then pulled a gray sock, holding **56 grams (net**
 4 **weight) methamphetamine**, from his pants pocket and handed it to CI-1. After the exchange,
 5 GUTIERREZ asked if CI-1 needed a ride. CRUZ, who had been parked in a green Honda in the parking
 6 lot during the sale, then pulled his car up to CI-1 and talked to CI-1 about the sale of marijuana. CI-1
 7 then observed GUTIERREZ and CERVANTES get into CRUZ's vehicle before leaving the location.
 8 Based on my training and experience, I believe GUTIERREZ, CERVANTES, and CRUZ worked
 9 together to coordinate the drug transaction.

10 6. **July 16, 2019: Purchase of 445.7 Grams Methamphetamine from CRUZ**

11 34. Between July 6, 2019, and July 16, 2019, CI-2 coordinated the purchase of a pound of
 12 methamphetamine from CRUZ via telephone. CRUZ negotiated the price with CI-2 and indicated that
 13 he (CRUZ) was able to convince his source – his “boy” – to lower the price. On or about **July 16, 2019**,
 14 CI-2 gave CRUZ \$3,200 in exchange for **445.7 grams (net weight) methamphetamine**.

15 7. **July 17, 2019 Purchase of Two Pistols from RAMIREZ-CARRANZA**

16 35. On July 17, 2019, RAMIREZ-CARRANZA sold a Glock model 19 semi-automatic pistol
 17 and a SD40 Smith and Wesson semi-automatic pistol to ATF CI 1 and ATF CI 3 in exchange for
 18 \$1,000. The transaction was coordinated on Snapchat and took place outside of RAMIREZ-
 19 CARRANZA's home in Concord, CA.

20 8. **July 23, 2019: Purchase of Short-Barreled Rifle, Glock Handgun, and**
Glock Conversion Switch from RAMIREZ-CARRANZA and Individual-3

22 36. On or about **July 23, 2019**, CI-1 and CI-3 purchased a short barreled rifle, Glock
 23 handgun, and a “Glock” full auto conversion switch for \$3,500 from RAMIREZ-CARRANZA and an
 24 identified individual (“Individual-3”) at Individual-3’s home in Bay Point, CA. RAMIREZ-
 25 CARRANZA coordinated the purchase on Snapchat and phone. During the transaction, CI-3 handed
 26 money to RAMIREZ-CARRANZA, who gave it to Individual-3’s to count.

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1 9. August 21, 2019: Purchase of AK-style Firearm from
2 RAMIREZ-CARRANZA

3 37. On or about August 21, 2019, RAMIREZ-CARRANZA sold an AK style firearm to CI-1
4 and CI-3 in exchange for \$2,500. RAMIREZ-CARRANZA advertised the firearm as fully automatic.
5 The transaction took place in front of RAMIREZ-CARRANZA's home in Concord, CA.

6 10. September 6, 2019: Purchases of 890 Grams Methamphetamine and
7 Handgun from CRUZ

8 38. On or about **September 6, 2019**, CI-2 met with CRUZ at 3701 Treat Boulevard,
9 Concord, CA and purchased approximately a pound of methamphetamine for \$2,800 and a "**ghost**"
10 **Glock style handgun** for \$1,300 from CRUZ. Later that same day, CI-2 purchased an additional pound
11 of methamphetamine from CRUZ for \$2,800. In total, CRUZ sold **892.2 grams (net weight)**
12 **methamphetamine** to CI-2 on that date.

13 39. A "ghost gun" is a street term used to describe a Privately Made Firearm (PMF) that has
14 been made from an unfinished receiver and that is absent of manufacturer's marks of identification (i.e.,
15 serial number). A firearm without a serial number makes it harder for investigators to trace the firearm
16 to an individual; however, the recovery location, firearm description, possessors, and associates may
17 link the firearm to other traced crime guns or criminals.

18 11. October 15, 2019: Purchase of 112.5 Grams Methamphetamine from
19 CERVANTES, CANO, and NAVARRO

20 40. Between October 13, 2019, and October 15, 2019, CI-1 negotiated the purchase of a
21 quarter-pound of methamphetamine from CERVANTES via Snapchat. I know that CERVANTES is
22 known to be an active SSL member. Additionally, CI-1 identified CERVANTES to be a Sureño gang
23 member based on CI-1's knowledge of the gang. CERVANTES has three dots tattooed on his face, a
24 common tattoo amongst Sureño gang members to show allegiance to the gang.

25 41. I know that CANO is known to CPD to be a Sureño gang member. CANO has "SSL"
26 tattooed on his upper back and the number "3" tattooed on his left leg. CANO has admitted to a CPD

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1 detective in the past that he is an active South Side Locos Sureño gang member and would never drop
 2 out of the gang. In May of 2009, CANO was at a 7-11 store parking lot in Concord on Monument
 3 Boulevard with another Sureño gang member when he observed two teenage minor age males exit the
 4 store. One of the males was wearing red shoes; I know the color of the Norteño gang to be the color red
 5 and Norteños to commonly wear red clothing to identify themselves. CANO followed the males to the
 6 bus stop. He then grabbed money from one of the males and began to yell at them for disrespecting the
 7 neighborhood for wearing red shoes. Next, CANO ripped the red shoes off of one of the males and
 8 threw them into the gutter. When the male demanded his money back, CANO pulled out a knife and
 9 chased the victim around the bus stop. CANO was convicted of California Penal Code § 211 and
 10 sentenced to seven years state prison / suspended in connection with this incident. CANO was held in
 11 county jail for one year and ordered to register as a gang member upon release. CANO is currently a
 12 gang registrant, pursuant to California Penal Code § 186.30 (Docket# 05-091042-2).

13 42. I know based on this investigation and reviewing prior police reports that NAVARRO
 14 associates with Sureño gang members.

15 43. On **October 15, 2019**, CERVANTES initially told CI-1 to meet at a McDonalds in
 16 Concord, CA to conduct the anticipated drug transaction, but then CERVANTES advised that he would
 17 provide another address at a house behind the restaurant because, “They don’t want to take it over
 18 there.” I believe CERVANTES’ use of the word “they” is consistent with CERVANTES working with
 19 others to facilitate the drug transaction. Further, CERVANTES told CI-1 and CI-3 that his drug supplier
 20 was his “cuñado,” which I know means “brother-in-law” in Spanish. I have learned through this
 21 investigation and from speaking with other investigators that CERVANTES’ sister is in a relationship
 22 with CANO. Thus, I believe CERVANTES’ source of drugs is likely CANO.

23 44. CERVANTES redirected CI-1 and CI-2 to an address on Nicholas Drive in Concord, CA,
 24 which is next door to NAVARRO’s home. When CI-1 and CI-3 arrived at the location, they observed
 25 NAVARRO and CI-1 contacted NAVARRO. At that time, NAVARRO denied knowing
 26 CERVANTES. A short while later, CERVANTES met with the CIs in their vehicle, and directed the

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1 CIs to park in the vicinity of a white pickup truck where NAVARRO and CANO were standing
 2 together. CI-1 observed NAVARRO open the front passenger door of the truck and remove a clear
 3 plastic bag of crystallized substance, which NAVARRO then handed to CANO. CANO then walked to
 4 the front passenger seat of the CIs' vehicle, opened the door and handed the bag to CERVANTES.
 5 CERVANTES then gave the CIs the bag containing **112.5 grams (net weight) methamphetamine** in
 6 exchange for \$1,000. Based on my training, experience, and common sense, I believe CERVANTES,
 7 NAVARRO, and CANO worked together to facilitate the drug transaction.

8 **12. *October 18, 2019: Purchase of 25.7 Grams Heroin from CERVANTES
 and GUTIERREZ***

10 45. Between October 15, 2019, and October 18, 2019, ATF CI 1 negotiated the purchase of
 11 an ounce of heroin from CERVANTES via Snapchat. On **October 18, 2019**, GUTIERREZ drove
 12 CERVANTES and CANO to the pre-determined meeting location in Concord, CA. CANO stood
 13 outside of their vehicle for the duration of the transaction, while GUTIERREZ remained in the car.
 14 CERVANTES walked over to the CI vehicle and placed a plastic bag containing **25.7 grams (net
 15 weight) heroin** into the trunk, in exchange for \$1,000. CERVANTES and CANO then got back into
 16 GUTIERREZ's car, and they left the location together.

17 **13. *October 30, 2019: Purchase of 84.7 Grams Methamphetamine from
 CERVANTES, CANO, and GUTIERREZ***

19 46. Between approximately October 21, 2019, and October 30, 2019, CI-3 negotiated the
 20 purchase of methamphetamine from CERVANTES via phone. During these negotiations,
 21 CERVANTES indicated that he was getting methamphetamine from the same "person" with the same
 22 "plug" (i.e. source of supply) as for the October 15 transaction, but that "they" only had a quarter-pound
 23 of methamphetamine available. CERVANTES also indicated that he had another source who had a
 24 "whole thing" (i.e. one pound) for \$3,200.

25 47. On or about **October 30, 2019**, DEA observed CANO meet with several unidentified
 26 individuals outside of NAVARRO's home and then connect with CERVANTES. CERVANTES and

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1 CANO then parted company, and CERVANTES called CI-3 to arrange the location of the planned
 2 transaction.

3 48. A short time later, CERVANTES and GUTIERREZ walked into the parking lot of 2060
 4 Monument Boulevard in Concord, CA. Separately, CANO drove into the parking lot and parked his car.
 5 CANO and CERVANTES walked together to a corner of the parking lot, where CANO handed an
 6 object to CERVANTES. CERVANTES then walked to CI-3's vehicle and got into the front passenger
 7 seat. CERVANTES gave CI-3 **84.7 grams (net weight) methamphetamine** in exchange for \$600.
 8 During the transaction, GUTIERREZ remained on foot in the parking lot. Based on my training and
 9 experience, I believe GUTIERREZ operated as a look-out during the transaction, CANO was involved
 10 in driving the narcotics to the location, and CERVANTES was responsible for delivering the narcotics to
 11 CI-3.

12 14. *October 30, 2019: Purchase of 446 Grams Methamphetamine from*
 13 *CERVANTES, GUTIERREZ, and CRUZ*

14 49. During the above-described transaction occurring on October 30, 2019, CERVANTES
 15 advised CI-3 that he could get a "whole p" (i.e., one pound of methamphetamine) for \$2,700 from his
 16 source, but that CERVANTES would sell it to the CI for \$2,900. CI-3 and CERVANTES negotiated the
 17 price of the pound. After leaving the parking lot, CI-3 called CERVANTES to arrange the purchase of
 18 the pound of methamphetamine. They agreed to meet later that same day at 3701 Treat Boulevard in
 19 Concord, CA.

20 50. Surveillance units then observed CRUZ arrive in the parking lot in a green Honda and
 21 park next to CI-3's vehicle. CI-3 entered the green Honda and observed CERVANTES in the front
 22 passenger seat and GUTIERREZ in the rear passenger seat, and CRUZ in the driver seat. CI-3 gave
 23 \$2,850 to CERVANTES, who then handed the money to CRUZ, who counted the bills. CERVANTES
 24 then handed **446 grams (net weight) methamphetamine** to CI-3.

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1 15. *December 4, 2019: Purchase of Beretta Firearm from*
 2 *GUTIERREZ that Links Back to Two Homicides and a Shooting*

3 51. Prior to approximately December 4, 2019, GUTIERREZ contacted CI-1 and advised that
 4 he (GUTIERREZ) had a 9mm handgun for sale for \$600. During the conversation, GUTIERREZ
 5 explained he could not keep this firearm at his house. GUTIERREZ also asked if CI-1 could pick up the
 6 firearm that day and pay him later. Based on the conversation, I suspected the firearm for sale to have
 7 been used in a crime as GUTIERREZ did not want to hold onto the firearm so he was willing to provide
 8 it to CI-1 without first securing payment. Soon thereafter, CI-1 coordinated the purchase of the firearm
 9 on with the assistance of CI-2 from GUTIERREZ.

10 52. On or about December 4, 2019, GUTIERREZ gave CI-2 a Beretta 9mm firearm in
 11 exchange for \$600 after meeting in the Food Maxx parking lot at 1751 Monument Boulevard in
 12 Concord, CA. During the transaction, GUTIERREZ advised that he (GUTIERREZ) had a “partner”
 13 who had additional firearms for sale.

14 53. The Contra Costa County crime laboratory used ballistics evidence to match the Beretta
 15 firearm to spent shell casings recovered from the scene of a homicide in Concord, CA. The firearm was
 16 also correlated to shell casings recovered from a homicide in Richmond, CA, and a shooting in Concord,
 17 CA. These connections show that – at a minimum – one or more of the defendants are involved in
 18 moving firearms connected to homicides occurring in the Bay Area.

19 54. For example, as described above, the Beretta ties back to a homicide, which occurred in
 20 Concord, CA on or about November 13, 2019. During the incident, the victim was the driver of a
 21 vehicle traveling down the street when he was shot and killed by a pedestrian that fired at the vehicle.
 22 The primary suspect in the murder investigation (herein, the “Murder Suspect”) is a known active
 23 member of the Brown Pride Locos, which is a subset of the Sureño criminal street gang. The Murder
 24 Suspect was observed fleeing the scene by witnesses and/or surveillance footage. At the scene, CPD
 25 officers recovered four 9mm spent shell casings at the scene of the homicide. During the subsequent
 26 investigation, CPD Detectives executed a search warrant and located a 9mm shell casing. The firearm

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1 involved in the homicide was not located.

2 55. Later, the Contra Costa County crime laboratory analyzed the Beretta firearm purchased
 3 by CI-2, the shell casings recovered from the scene from the homicide, and the shell casing recovered
 4 during the search warrant execution. The Contra Costa County crime lab informed me that the shell
 5 casings from the Concord homicide and the search warrant execution were correlated to the shell casings
 6 recovered in a prior Richmond homicide and prior Concord shooting. Additionally, the crime lab
 7 determined all the recovered shell casings were fired from the Beretta firearm, which was purchased
 8 from GUTIERREZ.

9 56. Based on the above events, I believe GUTIERREZ likely knew that the firearm had been
 10 used in one or more crimes. Further, I believe that GUTIERREZ likely assisted the Sureño gang by
 11 finding a buyer for this firearm to remove it from the Concord area to avoid discovery by law
 12 enforcement and homicide investigators. Thus, I believe GUTIERREZ and others likely worked
 13 together to dispose of homicide evidence linked to gang member activities.

14 16. January 3, 2020: Purchase of 55.8 Grams Methamphetamine from
 15 NAVARRO

16 57. On or about **January 3, 2020**, in Concord, CA, NAVARRO sold Concord-CI **55.8 grams**
 17 **(net weight) methamphetamine** in exchange for \$400. During the transaction, NAVARRO got into
 18 Concord-CI's car and asked if he/she wanted one or two ounces. When Concord-CI responded that
 19 Concord-CI wanted two, NAVARRO said he would get another one and instructed Concord-CI to drive
 20 his house on Nicholas Drive. Instead, Concord-CI told NAVARRO that he/she will wait for
 21 NAVARRO to return. NAVARRO exited the car and went inside his house before returning to
 22 Concord-CI's car and handing Concord-CI three bags containing 55.8 grams (net weight)
 23 methamphetamine.

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1 17. February 12, 2020: Purchase of 20.937 Grams Methamphetamine and
 2 a Pistol from MISSIEGO and NAVARRO

3 58. On or about **February 12, 2020**, CI-4 approached MISSIEGO in the parking lot at 1500
 4 Monument. MISSIEGO told CI-4 that his name was “Lil Neto” and that he was a Sureño gang member.
 5 MISSIEGO and CI-4 discussed the price of methamphetamine and MISSIEGO provided a small plastic
 6 bag of methamphetamine in exchange for \$10. MISSIEGO advised that the price of an ounce of
 7 methamphetamine would be negotiable if CI-4 would “cop a lot” (i.e., if CI-4 would be a frequent
 8 customer) and vouched for the quality of the drugs. MISSIEGO also told CI-4 that he had a pistol that
 9 he could sell CI-4.

10 59. After leaving the parking lot, CI-4 contacted MISSIEGO and arranged to purchase an
 11 ounce of methamphetamine and a firearm from MISSIEGO. MISSIEGO told CI-4 that his “dude”
 12 wanted \$350 for the methamphetamine. After coordinating the transaction, surveillance units observed
 13 MISSIEGO go to NAVARRO’s home in Concord, CA. NAVARRO left the house and spoke with
 14 MISSIEGO at MISSIEGO’s car before placing something inside the vehicle. Prior to meeting with
 15 NAVARR, MISSIEGO texted CI-4 and advised that the sale would happen at the same location, and
 16 that he was “picking it up [right now].” MISSIEGO then met CI-4 in the parking lot of 1500 Monument
 17 Boulevard, where MISSIEGO sold CI-4 **20.937 grams (net weight) methamphetamine and a Ruger**
 18 **pistol** for \$1,300 total. Based on my training and experience, I believe MISSIEGO was likely supplied
 19 drugs to sell to CI-4 by NAVARRO.

20 18. February 12, 2020: Purchase of Firearm from MAGAÑA and MISSIEGO, and
 21 Contacts Regarding Purchase of Controlled Substances with MIDDLETON

22 60. Between approximately February 11, 2020, and February 12, 2020, CI-1 attempted to
 23 coordinate the purchase of a quarter-pound of methamphetamine and a firearm from MAGAÑA. I know
 24 that MAGAÑA is an active member of the Beach Flats Sureño (BFS) subset. MAGAÑA has admitted
 25 to a CPD detective that he is an active member of the BFS subset. In addition, I have viewed
 26 photographs of MAGAÑA, including several posted to MAGAÑA’s Instagram account and included in

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1 this affidavit – wherein MAGAÑA displays Sureño gang hand signs, wears Sureño gang clothing, and
 2 outwardly promotes the gang.

3 61. During CI-1's communications with MAGAÑA, they negotiated prices for the
 4 methamphetamine and firearm. MAGAÑA told CI-1 that he had the firearm, but that they would need
 5 to get the methamphetamine from a "home girl" in Pittsburg, CA. MAGAÑA subsequently advised CI-
 6 1 that his "homie" didn't have the gun anymore and had sold it for \$1,000. (Of note, "homie" is a term
 7 frequently used by Sureño gang members to refer to one another.) In response, CI-1 asked MAGAÑA if
 8 MAGAÑA could get CI-1 another firearm. MAGAÑA told CI-1 to "[a]sk neto hes on the corner."
 9 MAGAÑA clarified that he was talking about "Lil Neto" (i.e. MISSIEGO) and provided MISSIEGO's
 10 phone number to CI-1. MAGAÑA also gave MIDDLETON's phone number to CI-1 and referred to
 11 MIDDLETON as "China" and "his home girl wit the jale." I know from my training and experience
 12 that "jale" is a Spanish slang term for drugs. I believe it is significant that MAGAÑA referred CI-1 to
 13 MISSIEGO and MIDDLETON to arrange for drug and firearm transactions because it is consistent with
 14 Sureño gang members conspiring and working together to engage in illegal activities.

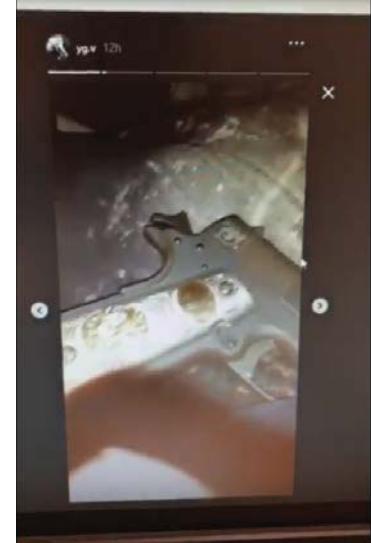
15 62. On or about February 12, 2020, CI-1 contacted MIDDLETON at the number provided by
 16 MAGAÑA and asked to purchase a quarter pound of methamphetamine. MIDDLETON explained that
 17 CI-1 would need to come to Pittsburg because her "dude" would have to drop it off at her hotel. The
 18 transaction did not occur that day.

19 63. That same day, as described further below, CI-1 contacted MISSIEGO at the number
 20 provided by MAGAÑA and asked to purchase a firearm and methamphetamine. MISSIEGO explained
 21 that he had just sold a firearm, but had a customized 1911-style firearm for sale, which CI-1 could view
 22 on "Villain's story." Based on my training and experience, I know that Instagram social media users
 23 often post "stories," which are temporary photographs or short video clips that are separate from the
 24 user's feed, but can be viewed by one's account followers.

25 64. I am advised by a CPD detective that he viewed a story posted to MAGAÑA's Instagram
 26 account on February 10, 2020, which depicted MAGAÑA in the front passenger seat of a vehicle driven
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1 by MISSIEGO. There is also an unidentified Hispanic male in the backseat of the vehicle. MISSIEGO
 2 can be seen in the videos displaying the South Side Locos gang hand sign. In the videos, it appears
 3 MAGANA is in possession of the Ruger and 1911 firearms. Stills from the videos are depicted below:



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 14 65. On or about February 12, 2020, MISSIEGO agreed to sell the 1911-style firearm and an
 15 ounce of methamphetamine to CI-1, but when CI-1 arrived at the predetermined meeting location,
 16 MISSIEGO said he would have to get the methamphetamine from elsewhere. MISSIEGO subsequently
 17 sold CI-1 a 1911-style firearm, but CI-1 did not wait for MISSIEGO to return with the drugs.

18 66. MAGAÑA later contacted CI-1 and requested that CI-1 pay him in exchange for
 19 connecting CI-1 to MISSIEGO and MIDDLETON. On or about May 15, 2020, CI-1 paid MAGAÑA
 20 \$100. MAGAÑA told CI-1 that he had a .40 caliber firearm for sale and he would try to get it for CI-1.
 21 MAGAÑA said that if he was able to help CI-1 acquire another gun, the CI would pay him more.
 22 MAGAÑA's desire for money for connecting CI-1 to MISSIEGO and MIDDLETON is consistent with
 23 MAGAÑA seeking a cut of a drug transaction that he knows occurred with one of his co-conspirators.

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1 **19. *February 27, 2020: Attempted Purchase of Methamphetamine from***
 2 ***MISSIEGO and CABRERA***

3 67. On or about February 27, 2020, CI-5 and CI-6 traveled to 1500 Monument, and
 4 approached a group of males in the parking lot, including CABRERA and MISSIEGO. One of the CIs
 5 told MISSIEGO that they were looking for drugs. CABRERA instructed the CIs to move their car to a
 6 different parking spot, and then CABRERA and MISSIEGO got into the CIs' car. A large portion of the
 7 conversation during this meeting was in Spanish. A Spanish-speaking CPD Detective provided a
 8 summary translation, which follows below:

9 68. CABRERA identified himself as "Guero" from Monkey's Trece (i.e., Los Monkey Trece,
 10 Sureño Criminal Street Gang out of Brentwood/Antioch area) and shook hands with both CIs.
 11 CABRERA said he is from "Pita," which is slang for the City of Pittsburg, but that his "homie" (i.e.,
 12 fellow gang member MISSIEGO) was from the area and this was his "hood" (i.e., his gang subset's
 13 territory). CI-5 asked CABRERA how much for a pound of narcotics, referring to methamphetamine.
 14 CABRERA said, "You want a pound?" CI-5 responded affirmatively. MISSIEGO then interjected in
 15 the conversation. During the conversation CABRERA asked the CIs if they knew "Viejon." I know
 16 "Viejon" is moniker for Armando NAVARRO. One of the CIs stated that their supplier was not
 17 trustworthy and lied to him/her, and that the supplier's prices were too high. MISSIEGO then asked the
 18 CIs how much the CIs wanted to pay for an ounce. In response, MISSIEGO was asked to name his
 19 price. MISSIEGO stated \$300-\$400. Next, the CIs also expressed interest in the "white stuff" (i.e.,
 20 cocaine) and CABRERA responded using the word "soda" (i.e., another slang term for cocaine).
 21 CABRERA told the CIs that he could get them connected and give them product on a daily basis.

22 69. A transaction did not ultimately occur on this date, after CABRERA asked the CIs to do
 23 cocaine in order to prove they were not police.

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1 **20. March 11, 2020: Purchase of 7.126 Grams Methamphetamine from**
 2 **CERVANTES, MAGAÑA, and RAMIREZ-CARRANZA**

3 70. On or about **March 11, 2020**, CI-2 went to 1500 Monument Boulevard and met with
 4 MAGAÑA, RAMIREZ-CARRANZA, and CERVANTES in the parking lot. CI-2 asked if they had
 5 methamphetamine and RAMIREZ-CARRANZA responded that they did and they could get CI-2
 6 anything he/she wanted. MAGAÑA asked what CI-2 wanted, and CI-2 asked for a quarter-ounce of
 7 methamphetamine. MAGAÑA asked if CI-2 meant two eight-balls, and CI-2 said yes. CERVANTES
 8 stated that he had a quarter-ounce left that he could sell. CI-2 asked how much it would cost, and
 9 MAGAÑA responded that it would be \$125-\$130. CI-2 asked if MAGAÑA would sell it for \$120, and
 10 MAGAÑA agreed. MAGAÑA then nodded at CERVANTES, who stood up and walked away before
 11 getting into a pickup truck.

12 71. While CERVANTES was gone, RAMIREZ-CARRANZA asked CI-2 if he/she was still
 13 buying “things,” “big ones,” which I know to be terms for firearms. RAMIREZ-CARRANZA told CI-2
 14 to come by 1500 Monument any time and that anyone would be able to help him. MAGAÑA told the
 15 CI that he had sold an eight-ball to someone earlier for \$150, and that CERVANTES was “hooking [CI-
 16 2] up.” RAMIREZ-CARRANZA and MAGAÑA described the location as a “one stop shop,” and told
 17 CI-2 that they’re there every day, and that if they’re not there, someone there would be able to get CI-2
 18 whatever he/she wanted.

19 72. Based on my training and experience, I believe RAMIREZ-CARRANZA and MAGAÑA
 20 were explaining to CI-2 that he/she could come to 1500 Monument on any day and would find Sureño
 21 gang members at the location. Further, I believe they were expressing that Sureño gang members
 22 worked together to sell a variety of drug types and firearms.

23 73. CERVANTES then returned and walked to CI-2’s car. CERVANTES handed CI-2 **7.126**
 24 **grams (net weight) methamphetamine.** CI-2 asked CERVANTES if it was a “quarter,” and
 25 CERVANTES responded that it was. CI-2 asked if it cost one hundred, and CERVANTES confirmed
 26 that the price was \$120. CI-2 then handed \$120 to CERVANTES. CERVANTES told CI-2 that if

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1 he/she came back, “anyone will have what you need.” CERVANTES gave CI-2 his number and called
 2 himself “Bam Bam.” CERVANTES also explained that CI-2 could come to 1500 Monument at any
 3 time to buy more drugs and there would be a “homie” there. CERVANTES explained the “homies”
 4 were going to have whatever the CI-2 needed. Once again, I believe that CI-2 was informed that Sureño
 5 gang members (who commonly refer to each other as “homies”) would supply drugs to CI-2 at this
 6 location area. Additionally, CERVANTES told CI-2 to approach a “homie” and give them “the nod.”
 7 CERVANTES told CI-2 that once he/she gave them a nod, they would give CI-2 whatever he/she
 8 needed.

9 **21. March 20, 2020: Purchase of 54.378 Grams Methamphetamine from**
 10 **MAGANA and MIDDLETON**

11 74. On or about **March 20, 2020**, CI-2 purchased approximately two ounces of
 12 methamphetamine for \$1,100 from MAGAÑA in Concord/Pleasant Hill, CA. CI-2 initially met with
 13 MAGAÑA at the parking lot of the Seven Star Market at 1500 Monument Blvd, Concord, CA. At this
 14 location, CI-2 negotiated with MAGAÑA to purchase methamphetamine. MAGAÑA said he charged
 15 \$550 per ounce of methamphetamine. MAGAÑA explained the prices were high due to the COVID 19
 16 pandemic. MAGAÑA and CI-2 agreed to meet later to conduct the transaction at a location in Pleasant
 17 Hill, CA.

18 75. Later, MAGAÑA arrived at the Pleasant Hill location in a green Ford Expedition driven
 19 by MIDDLETON. MAGAÑA got into CI-2’s car and provided **47.612 grams (net weight)**
 20 **methamphetamine** in exchange for \$1,100 from CI-2. After weighing the methamphetamine, it was
 21 later determined that the amount was seven grams short of the agreed-upon amount. CI-2 contacted
 22 MAGAÑA and MAGAÑA agreed to make up the difference. They then met again, this time at 1500
 23 Monument Boulevard, where MAGAÑA provided **7.126 grams (net weight) methamphetamine** to CI-
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1 22. *March 27, 2020: Purchase of 83.092 Grams Methamphetamine from*
2 *MIDDLETON*

3 76. On or about **March 27, 2020**, CI-3 contacted MIDDLETON to coordinate the purchase
4 of two ounces of methamphetamine. MIDDLETON advised CI-3 that she was with “Smiley from SSL”
5 and a couple of other “homies.” MIDDLETON advised that she only had one ounce on her and would
6 need CI-3 to front her money in order to obtain the second ounce from her supplier. CI-3 requested to
7 buy just the one ounce and coordinated to meet with MIDDLETON at the Motel 6 in Pittsburg, CA.
8 During this call, MIDDLETON told CI-3 that prices were expensive now and that one ounce would cost
9 \$200. MIDDLETON further advised CI-3 that if CI-3 wanted the second ounce, CI-3 could wait in
10 MIDDLETON’s motel room with MIDDLETON’s children while she picked up the second ounce.

11 77. MIDDLETON told CI-3 to meet her at her motel room. In a subsequent call, CI-3 asked
12 if they could meet in a nearby parking lot instead, and MIDDLETON agreed. CI-3 met MIDDLETON
13 in the parking lot where MIDDLETON arrived driving a green Ford Expedition. MIDDLETON gave
14 CI-3 approximately one ounce methamphetamine in exchange for \$200. MIDDLETON told CI-3 that
15 she supplied “Villain,” which I know is MAGAÑA’s moniker.

16 78. MIDDLETON then advised CI-3 that she was going to pick up another ounce. A short
17 while later, MIDDLETON contacted CI-3, confirmed a two ounce deal with him/her, and told CI-3 to
18 meet her at a gas station in Martinez, CA. At this location, MIDDLETON handed CI-3 approximately
19 two ounces of methamphetamine in exchange for \$400.

20 79. In total, MIDDLETON sold **83.092 grams (net weight) methamphetamine** to CI-3.

21 23. *May 6, 2020: Purchase of 0.431 Grams Methamphetamine from*
22 *PEREZ*

23 80. On or about **May 6, 2020**, CI-2 coordinated the purchase of methamphetamine from
24 PEREZ. I know that PEREZ is an active SSL member. PEREZ has several gang-related tattoos
25 including one dot on his right elbow and three dots on his left elbow. During the course of this
26 investigation, PEREZ has frequently been observed in the company of other SSL members at 1500
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1 Monument Boulevard. PEREZ' Instagram account name is "cbz.557". I know based on my training
 2 and professional experience that "557" is in reference to SSL as "557" is an inverted notation for "SSL."
 3 In the month of July 2020, PEREZ posted a video on his Instagram account that appeared to depict him
 4 in a vehicle with CANO. PEREZ posted the caption "SSL GANG MY BOY."

5 81. In September 2018, PEREZ also posted the following picture to his Instagram account,
 6 depicting PEREZ, MISSIEGO, and three other individuals. In the photo: MISSIEGO is wearing a blue
 7 and white shirt with the number 80 on it and PEREZ is wearing a sleeveless black tanktop. Of note,
 8 individuals depicted in the photograph are making a "3" and "M" gang signs.



19 82. On or about May 6, 2020, CI-2 arrived at 1500 Monument and approached PEREZ. CI-2
 20 asked PEREZ where the "homies" were. PEREZ responded that he was a "homie." CI-2 asked PEREZ
 21 if it was "good" (i.e., whether or not PEREZ could sell drugs to CI-2). PEREZ responded, "Yeah, what
 22 you need?" CI-2 responded, "crys" (i.e., crystal methamphetamine). PEREZ stated that he did not
 23 currently have any. CI-2 then walked into a nearby liquor store.

24 83. When CI-2 exited the store, PEREZ approached CI-2 and asked how much CI-2 wanted.
 25 CI-2 stated that he/she wanted an ounce. PEREZ then walked over to a group of three unidentified

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1 Hispanic male adults on the east side of the liquor store. Shortly after, PEREZ walked back to CI-2 and
 2 told CI-2 that he could only get a “dub” (i.e., \$20 worth of methamphetamine).

3 84. PEREZ told CI-2 that the “homie” that usually has it was not there right now. CI-2 asked
 4 PEREZ if he had any cocaine. PEREZ said the “homie” that has the cocaine recently left the area. I
 5 know that surveillance unit had observed RAMIREZ-CARRANZA leave the location shortly before this
 6 interaction.

7 85. PEREZ told CI-2 that he would call the “homie” and see if he could get some, and that CI
 8 -2 should come back. PEREZ told CI-2 to come back later. CI-2 then got back in his/her vehicle. As
 9 CI-2 drove past PEREZ, CI-2 said he/she would purchase the “dub.” CI-2 parked in front of the liquor
 10 store. PEREZ approached the driver’s side window and told CI-2 that he was going to get the
 11 methamphetamine. PEREZ then approached the driver side of CI-2’s vehicle and handed him/her **0.431**
 12 **grams (net weight) methamphetamine** in exchange for \$20. PEREZ told CI-2 to come back later for
 13 more. CI-2 departed the area.

14 86. A short while later, CI-2 returned to 1500 Monument Boulevard and parked his/her
 15 vehicle near the liquor store. PEREZ approached CI-2’s vehicle. CI-2 asked if it was “good.” PEREZ
 16 told CI-2 that he/she just missed the “homie” (i.e. the gang member with the type of drugs that CI-2
 17 wanted to purchase). PEREZ offered to call his homie to see if he was coming back to the area. A short
 18 time later, PEREZ contacted CI-2 and said they were not going to be able to do an additional
 19 transaction.

20 87. When CI-2 asked PEREZ for his phone number, PEREZ told CI-2 that his phone only
 21 worked on wi-fi, but that he was always at 1500 Monument Boulevard and CI-2 could reach him there.

22 88. Based on my training and experience, I believe PEREZ’s efforts to secure an additional
 23 drug deal with CI-2 by referencing his “homie” is consistent with Sureño gang members working
 24 together at 1500 Monument to sell a variety of drugs to their customers.

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1 24. May 8, 2020: Attempted Purchase of Methamphetamine from CABRERA

2 89. On or about May 8, 2020, CI-3 met with CABRERA at the same Motel 6 in Pittsburg,
 3 CA, described above. CI-3 told CABRERA that CI-3 was a friend/customer of “China,” which is
 4 MIDDLETON’s moniker. CI-3 asked to buy methamphetamine from CABRERA. CABRERA told CI-
 5 3 that he was selling methamphetamine for \$300 an ounce, and provided his phone number to CI-3. CI-
 6 3 attempted to coordinate the purchase of methamphetamine that day, but CABRERA advised that he
 7 had to make some calls and it would take five minutes to an hour in order to obtain the
 8 methamphetamine. CI-3 departed the area without purchasing controlled substances.

9 25. May 14, 2020: Purchase of 2.888 Grams Methamphetamine from CANO

10 90. On or about **May 14, 2020**, CI-1 went to 1500 Monument Boulevard, and observed
 11 several men in the parking lot. CI-1 greeted two individuals whom he knew from prior contacts. CANO
 12 introduced himself to CI-1 as “Vaca from South Side Locos.” CI-1 asked CANO if CANO had any
 13 “crys” (i.e. methamphetamine). CANO told CI-1 that he had half an ounce of methamphetamine, but
 14 when the CI-1 asked how much CANO would sell it for, CANO advised that he would only sell CI-1 a
 15 “ball,” for \$60. CI-1 agreed. CANO then walked away with another man. CANO then returned and
 16 told CI-1 to get into CI-1’s car. At the vehicle, CANO handed the CI **2.888 grams (net weight)**
 17 **methamphetamine** in exchange for \$60.

18 26. May 15, 2020: Purchase of 117.817 Grams Methamphetamine from CANO

19 91. On or about **May 15, 2020**, CI-1 coordinated the purchase of a quarter pound of
 20 methamphetamine from CANO via phone. CI-1 and CANO met in the FoodMaxx parking lot at 1751
 21 Monument Boulevard in Concord, CA, where CANO handed a bag of methamphetamine to CI-1 in
 22 exchange for \$1,000. After leaving the location, CI-1 provided the methamphetamine to ATF, and the
 23 methamphetamine weighed approximately one ounce less than agreed. CI-1 contacted CANO, and
 24 CANO agreed to make up for the shorted amount. CANO and the CI met in the parking lot of a Panda
 25 Express in Pleasant Hill, CA. CANO approached CI-1’s vehicle and provided another bag of
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1 methamphetamine to him/her. CANO told CI-1 that the bag had “28 grams on that one.” CANO
 2 indicated that the mistake was on the part of his source, with whom he was going to meet afterwards.

3 92. In total, CANO sold **117.817 grams (net weight) methamphetamine** to CI-1.

4 27. **May 15, 2020: Purchase of 111.4 Grams Methamphetamine from CABRERA**

5 93. Between approximately May 12, 2020, and May 15, 2020, CI-3 coordinated the purchase
 6 of approximately four ounces of methamphetamine from CABRERA via phone. They arranged to meet
 7 at the Motel 6 in Pittsburg, CA. On or about **May 15, 2020**, CI-3 and CI-1 went to the Motel 6 and
 8 called CABRERA when they arrived. CABRERA said he would be there in 15 minutes, so the CIs left.
 9 CABRERA called the CIs back and told them to return, and stated that his source was arriving shortly.
 10 The CIs returned to the motel and CABRERA got into the CIs’ vehicle. CABRERA then gave CI-3
 11 **111.4 grams (net weight) methamphetamine** in exchange for \$1,200.

12 28. **May 28, 2020 Purchase of 0.549 Grams Cocaine from RAMIREZ-CARRANZA**

13 94. On **May 28, 2020**, in the parking lot of 1500 Monument Boulevard in Concord, CA, CI-3
 14 purchased **0.549 grams (net weight) cocaine** from RAMIREZ-CARRANZA in exchange for \$70.
 15 During that transaction, CI-3 met with RAMIREZ-CARRANZA and GUTIERREZ in the parking lot.
 16 While RAMIREZ-CARRANZA left in a black sedan driven by Individual-2 to obtain the requested
 17 drugs, CI-3 spoke with GUTIERREZ about purchasing methamphetamine. GUTIERREZ told CI-3 that
 18 if he/she returned the next day, GUTIERREZ would have an ounce of methamphetamine for CI-3.
 19 Later, the black sedan returned and drove out of view of the pole camera. Shortly after, RAMIREZ-
 20 CARRANZA walked towards CI-3 from the direction in which the vehicle had gone, and provided the
 21 cocaine to CI-3 in exchange for \$70.

22 29. **May 29, 2020: Purchase of 13.672 Grams Methamphetamine from RAMIREZ-
 23 CARRANZA and GUTIERREZ**

24 95. On **May 29, 2020**, CI-2 went to 1500 Monument Boulevard, and approached RAMIREZ-
 25 CARRANZA, who asked if CI-2 was trying to get “some” (i.e., buy drugs). CI-2 responded
 26 affirmatively, and asked to buy a half-ounce of methamphetamine. CI-2 asked if the drugs were ready,

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1 and RAMIREZ-CARRANZA looked towards GUTIERREZ and stated, “Let me holla at my boy.”
 2 GUTIERREZ and RAMIREZ-CARRANZA then got into a truck together and talked. Next,
 3 GUTIERREZ then got out of the truck and walked away as CI-2 approached. RAMIREZ-CARRANZA
 4 then gave **13.672 grams (net weight) methamphetamine** to CI-2 in exchange for \$300. Based on my
 5 training and experience, I believe that GUTIERREZ supplied RAMIREZ-CARRANZA with the drugs
 6 to sell to CI-2.

7 30. May 29, 2020 Purchase of 0.598 Grams Methamphetamine from ALVARENGA

8 96. That same day, CI-3 went to the same location and asked if “Faja” (GUTIERREZ) or
 9 “Chino” (RAMIREZ-CARRANZA) were around. CI-3 spoke with GUTIERREZ indicating he/she
 10 came to purchase methamphetamine, GUTIERREZ advised “they” didn’t bring him anything and he
 11 was “down to his last little bit.” CI-3 then approached a group of males, including ALVARENGA and
 12 CANO, in the parking lot. I know that ALVARENGA is an active SSL member. ALVARENGA has
 13 admitted to a CPD detective that he is an active member of the SSL. The same detective has conducted
 14 surveillance on ALVARENGA on several occasions and has observed him with other known Sureño
 15 gang members. The detective also seen photographs of ALVARENGA displaying Sureño gang hand
 16 signs. I also know that ALVARENGA has the following gang related tattoos: “SSL” on his chest and
 17 left eye three dots in pyramid shape.

18 97. ALVARENGA told CI-3 that the guy that CI-3 was talking to yesterday (i.e.,
 19 GUTIERREZ) was “over there” and pointed in GUTIERREZ’s direction. When CI-3 told
 20 ALVARENGA that GUTIERREZ was “dry” (i.e., out of drugs), but that CI-3 was trying to buy
 21 something, ALVARENGA responded that he didn’t have any “powder” (i.e., cocaine), but he had the
 22 “stronger shit.” Based on my training and experience, I believe ALVARENGA was stating that he only
 23 had methamphetamine to sell. CI-3 told ALVARENGA that he/she wanted to buy an ounce or two, but
 24 ALVARENGA told CI-3 that he did not like to carry larger quantities because he just “beat a sales case”
 25 (i.e. a drug sales criminal charge was dismissed or reduced to a possession charge). CI-3 agreed to buy a
 26 “dub” from ALVARENGA. ALVARENGA gave **0.598 grams (net weight) methamphetamine** to CI-

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1 3 in exchange for \$20. Based on my training, experience, and involvement in the instant investigation, I
 2 believe ALVARENGA was working with GUTIERREZ to ensure CI-3, a drug customer at 1500
 3 Monument, was provided controlled substances.

4 **31. *May 29, 2020: Purchase of 0.881 Grams Cocaine from RAMIREZ-***
 5 **CARRANZA and Individual-2**

6 98. Later on or about **May 29, 2020**, a DEA CS arrived at the 1500 Monument parking lot
 7 and approached Individual-2. I know that Individual-2 is an active member of the SSL subset. A CPD
 8 detective has conducted surveillance on Individual-2 on several occasions and observed him with other
 9 known Sureño gang members. The CPD detective has also viewed numerous photographs and videos
 10 where Individual-2 displayed Sureño hand signs.

11 99. On May 29, 2020, Individual-2 asked the DEA CS if he/she wanted “soda” (a street term
 12 for cocaine). The DEA CS replied that he/she wanted whatever Individual-2 had to sell. Individual-2
 13 said that he only had “soda,” and that he had \$100 worth. RAMIREZ-CARRANZA then asked the CS
 14 if the CS wanted the “100,” which the DEA CS affirmed. RAMIREZ-CARRANZA advised that the
 15 cocaine was separated into “20s,” or five \$20 bags. The CS asked if RAMIREZ-CARRANZA had an
 16 ounce, but RAMIREZ-CARRANZA stated that ounces were too expensive right now. RAMIREZ-
 17 CARRANZA then gave **0.881 grams (net weight) cocaine**, split into five bags, to the DEA CS in
 18 exchange for \$100. RAMIREZ-CARRANZA told the CS that if the CS ever wanted “more,” the CS can
 19 come back to the area and meet with them.

20 **VII. CONCLUSION**

21 100. Based on the information set forth in the paragraphs above, I submit that there is probable
 22 cause to believe that (1) beginning on a date unknown, but no later than April 22, 2019, and continuing
 23 through at least May 29, 2020, in the Northern District of California, CRUZ, RAMIREZ-CARRANZA,
 24 GUTIERREZ, MAGAÑA, MISSIEGO, CERVANTES, CANO, NAVARRO, MIDDLETON, and
 25 CABRERA agreed with each other and with others to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute
 26 controlled substances, namely, heroin, cocaine, and 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance

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1 containing methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(viii), and
2 841(b)(1)(C); (2) on or about May 6, 2020, in the Northern District of California, PEREZ sold a quantity
3 of methamphetamine to another individual, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C); and
4 (3) on or about May 29, 2020, in the Northern District of California, ALVARENGA sold a quantity of
5 methamphetamine to another individual, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

6 101. Accordingly, based upon the foregoing, I respectfully request that the Court sign the
7 requested criminal complaint and issue the requested arrest warrants.

8 102. I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements above are true and correct to the
9 best of my knowledge and belief.

10 11 /s/ Richard Timbang

12 RICHARD P. TIMBANG
13 Special Agent
14 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and
15 Explosives

16 Sworn to before me over the telephone and signed by me pursuant to Fed.R.Crim.P. 4.1 and 4(d) this
17 8th day of September, 2020.

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19 20 HONORABLE DONNA M. RYU
United States Magistrate Judge

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¹ ATF CI-1 (herein, “CI-1”) is an individual who has worked for CPD, as well as another police
 2 department. In exchange, CI-1 has received pecuniary payments for his/her assistance. The information
 3 provided to ATF/FBI/Concord PD by CI-1 has, to date, been found to be credible and much of it has
 4 been corroborated through contemporaneous recordings, as well as other methods. CI-1 has sustained
 5 previous felony and misdemeanor convictions for crimes related to possession of a controlled substance,
 6 theft of access card, burglary, exhibiting a deadly weapon not firearm, grand theft, and obstructing a
 7 public officer. CI-1 has previous arrest for various offenses, including but not limited to the following:
 8 possess/purchase for sale controlled substance, use/under the influence of controlled substance, obstruct
 9 public officer, possess controlled substance, possess controlled substance paraphernalia, drive without a
 10 license, possess marijuana 1oz or less while driving, possess/sell dangerous weapon, probation violation,
 11 theft, petty theft, conspiracy commit crime, possess burglary tools, take vehicle without consent, use or
 12 access account info without consent, possess unlawful paraphernalia, robbery, false imprisonment,
 13 assault deadly weapon not firearm, burglary, carry concealed dirk or dagger, exhibit deadly weapon not
 14 firearm, tamper with vehicle, grand theft, and receive known stolen property. To my knowledge, CI-1 is
 15 not presently working in consideration for any pending criminal charges.

¹⁶ ATF CI-2 (herein, “CI-2”) is an individual working with federal and state law enforcement for
 17 the purpose of monetary compensation. CI-2 was previously working in consideration for a possible
 18 federal drug charge, which was never charged. CI-2 continued to work with law enforcement for
 19 financial compensation. The information provided to ATF/FBI/Concord PD by CI-2 has, to date, been
 20 found to be credible and much of it has been corroborated, including via review of communications
 21 and/or recordings. CI-2 has a previous felony conviction for possess controlled substance for sale. CI-2
 22 has previous arrest for various offenses, including, but not limited to the following: transport controlled
 23 substance and possess controlled substance for sale.

²⁴ ATF CI-3 (herein, “CI-3”) is an individual working with federal and state law enforcement for
 25 the purpose of judicial consideration and compensation. CI-3 is pending sentencing on federal charges
 26 involving firearms and drug offenses. The information provided to ATF/DEA/Concord PD by CI-3 has,
 27 to date, been found to be credible and much of it has been corroborated through contemporaneous
 28 recordings, as well as other methods. The ATF CI 3 has previously been arrested for possession of a
 controlled substance and has sustained a felony conviction for the drug-related offense.

²⁹ ATF CI-4 (herein, “CI-4”) is an individual who has worked for ATF and San Mateo Police
 30 Department. In exchange, CI-4 has received pecuniary payments for his/her assistance. The information
 31 provided to ATF/DEA/Concord PD by CI-4 has, to date, been found to be credible and much of it has
 32 been corroborated through contemporaneous recordings, as well as other methods. CI-4 has previous
 33 adult felony convictions for theft, residential burglary, possession of marijuana, and juvenile sexual
 34 assault (at age 13). Arrests include aggravated assault, damage property, parole violation, resist peace
 35 officer, destroy evident, receive stolen property, residential burglary, illegal possession of a weapon by
 36 felon, possession of marijuana, and domestic battery.

³⁷ ATF CI-5 (herein, “CI-5”) is an individual who has worked for ATF and San Mateo Police
 38 Department. CI-5 is currently working for judicial consideration, monetary compensation, and potential
 39 immigration benefits, including deferred action on removal. CI-5 has a pending federal gun charge and
 40 has not yet been sentenced in connection with this offense. The information provided to
 41 ATF/DEA/Concord PD by the ATF CI has, to date, been found to be credible and much of it has been
 42 corroborated through contemporaneous recordings, as well as other methods. ATF CI 5 has previous
 43 juvenile arrests for carry concealed weapon in vehicle, robbery, assault with a deadly weapon (not
 44 firearm), and conspiracy.

⁴⁵ ATF CI-6 (herein, “CI-6”) is an individual who has worked for ATF and San Mateo Police

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1 Department. CI-6 is currently working for judicial consideration, monetary compensation, and potential
 2 immigration benefits, including deferred action on removal. CI-6 has a pending federal drug charge and
 3 has not yet been sentenced in connection with this offense. The information provided to
 4 ATF/DEA/Concord PD by CI-6 has, to date, been found to be credible and much of it has been
 corroborated through contemporaneous recordings, as well as other methods. CI-6 has previous arrest
 related to drugs and alien removal under section 212 and 237.

5 The Concord CI ("Concord-CI") is an individual who worked for a short period of time for CPD.
 6 The Concord CI was working for consideration for his/her state cases. The information provided to
 7 CPD/ATF by the Concord CI was found to be credible and was corroborated through contemporaneous
 recordings, as well as other methods. The Concord CI has previous arrest for various offenses,
 8 including, but not limited to the following: possess controlled substance, possess burglary tools, possess
 stolen property, possess controlled substance paraphernalia, possess ID of 10+ persons, take vehicle
 without consent, possess stolen vehicle, possess switchblade in vehicle, carry concealed dirk or dagger,
 attempt to receive stolen property, make fictitious check, forge handwriting, manufacture/sale leaded
 9 cane, possess controlled substance for sale, get credit use other ID, forgery, possess device to tamper
 with vending machine, probation violation, appropriate lost property, possess bad check, false
 10 checks/records/certificates, possess personal ID with intent to defraud, possess/use vehicle master key,
 obstruct public officer, commit mail theft, etc.

11 Since 2019, DEA CS has been working with federal and state law enforcement for the purpose of
 12 judicial consideration. The information provided to DEA/ATF/Concord PD by DEA CS has, to date,
 13 been found to be credible and much of it has been corroborated, including via review of communications
 and/or recordings. Since then, DEA CA has participated in numerous narcotics related investigations
 14 and complex conspiracy cases. DEA CS's information and services have led investigators to numerous
 federal arrests and narcotics seizures. The DEA CS has one previous felony charge for possession of a
 controlled substance for sale.

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